

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Rost et al.	Art Unit:	2811
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Title: ONE MASK HIGH DENSITY CAPACITOR FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

RESPONSE UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 2, 2006. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 4-10 stand allowed.

Claims 2 and 4-10 are objected to due to an informality regarding the meaning of the term "cap layer". As noted by the Examiner and in the instant specification at paragraph [0013], cap layer 118 provides a bonding surface which offers better adhesion for ball bonds, bond wires, etc. than copper and while the aluminum cap layer is metal, it is not considered a metal interconnect level, but merely a capping layer to